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PRESS STATEMENT

The Suffolk County Sheriff's Department issues the following statement in response to the allegations made by a former contract worker in a Boston Globe story.

1. The Sheriff's Department did not fire Ms. Porter. She was employed by Correctional Medical Services and was fired by them for reasons that are known to Ms. Porter and CMS.
2. Ms. Porter was asked to leave the House of Correction because she violated Department regulations and contractual obligations. She is clearly biased and has her own agenda for speaking out at this time.
3. Sheriff Cabral's administration has worked cooperatively and effectively with local, state, and federal authorities on a number of investigations and continues to do so. It would be inappropriate for the Department to comment on any pending investigations.
4. Since November 2002, the Sheriff's Department has thoroughly investigated every complaint filed by an inmate, and has proactively investigated wrongdoing by officers that has resulted in 34 officers being terminated and dozens disciplined.
5. Sheriff Cabral has addressed and remedied the concerns raised in the Stern Commission report. She has installed video recording on cameras throughout the HOC, established an off site training academy that to date has trained 70 new correctional officers, expanded the training curriculum and conducted specialized training for over 200 veteran officers. The Department also successfully partnered with Boston Police and the Secret Service during the recent DNC.

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